

APPROVED

TOWN OF WESTFORD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

DATE: November 4, 2003

TIME: 6:35 P.M.

PLACE: Abbot School Cafetorium

PRESENT: Christopher Romeo, Robert Jefferies, Allan Loiselle,
Dini Healy-Coffin, James Silva

OTHERS

PRESENT: Steve Ledoux-Town Manager

Board to Take Positions on Remaining Warrant Articles

The Board met prior to Special Town Meeting to take positions on the following Warrant Articles:

ARTICLE 1: Reduction of CPA Surcharge from 3% to 1% *Citizens Petition*

Romeo reported that the Assessor's Office had provided incorrect data to the petitioners regarding the assessment. **It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Silva, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, to reaffirm the Board's vote to not support the petition on Article 1.**

ARTICLE 2: Renaming of the Stony Brook School *Citizens Petition*

Ledoux reported that the Town Moderator feels that the proposed name *Veterans Memorial Complex* for the entire Stony Brook site is outside of the four corners of the motion. Healy-Coffin suggested getting input from the Stony Brook Master Plan Committee regarding the proposed naming of the site. Healy-Coffin was not in favor of renaming the Stony Brook School. The Board to take a position on Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 3: Commercial and Industrial Growth Control Regulation *Citizens Petition*

The Planning Board voted to not support Article 3. **It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Loiselle, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, to not support Article 3.**

The Finance Committee and Suzanne Marchand, Finance Director, joined the meeting to discuss the following Warrant Articles:

ARTICLE 5: Fiscal Year 2004 Supplemental Appropriations: Various Departments *Town Manager*

Ledoux reported that he is attempting to schedule a meeting in November with the School Committee, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen to discuss the shared Technology Director. The line item in the amount of \$35,700 is for the salary of the Technology Director. The Finance Committee recommended approval of \$35,700 for the salary. **It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Jefferies, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, to recommend the amount of \$35,700.**

\$10,500 – Overtime for the Technology Services for weekend calls, etc.

\$10,000 – Permitting Department Interns working on GIS.

\$28,440 – Recycling Expenses

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the above items. **It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Loiselle, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, to support \$10,500 – Overtime for the Technology Services for weekend calls, etc.; \$10,000 – Permitting Department Interns working on GIS; and \$28,440 – Recycling Expenses.**

\$10,000 – Unclassified Expenses – (School Department Medicare reimbursement). **It was moved by Loiselle, seconded by Healy-Coffin, and VOTED 4 IN FAVOR WITH 1 OPPOSED (Jefferies), to support.** Jefferies felt that this item should be in the School Department budget.

ARTICLE 6: Fiscal Year 2004 Transfers: Various Departments *Town Manager*
It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Jefferies, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, to support Article 6.

ARTICLE 7: Reduce Appropriation for Nashoba Valley Technical School Fiscal Year 2004 *Town Manager*

Ledoux reported that Nashoba re-voted the assessment at approximately \$11,000 less for a new total of \$460,430. The Finance Committee recommended support of Article 7. **It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Jefferies, and VOTED 4 IN FAVOR WITH 1 ABSTAINING (Loiselle), to support Article 7.**

ARTICLE 9: Reduce Amount Raised by Taxes in FY 04

Marchand asked the Board to take a position on Town Meeting floor. The Board concurred. The Board voted during Town Meeting as follows: **It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Jefferies, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, to support Article 9.**

The Board convened to Special Town Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Adjournment

It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Jefferies, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, to adjourn the meeting at the close of Special Town Meeting.

Steve Ledoux, Town Manager

Christopher Romeo, Chairman